

WEARE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PARC)

February 14, 2006

ATTENDEES: Heleen Kurk, Tom Reynolds, Gene Proper, John Nikias, Jim Blouin, Chuck Metcalf

OPENING: Meeting Called to order at 7:40pm

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE:

- Event being planned for March 21st at noon for adults only. Heleen will handle the advertising and will take care of the food (soup and sandwiches. Expected cost of about \$80). Featured guest will be storyteller, Cora Ciampi (expected cost of \$200). Will request RSVP in an effort to get a more accurate number of people expected to attend.
- \$10 reimbursement limit was allowed last year. Request to increase to \$11. Chuck made a motion seconded by Gene to "allow Senior Wearites to go out to lunch and cap the subsidy at \$11. All approved. It was also noted, however, that due to the current budget situation, the town is moving more towards doing things in town vs. subsidizing events out of town. This issue will be revisited next month at which time the town will have voted on the new budget and the Commission will have a better idea of how much money is available for activities.

MINUTES REVIEWED FROM LAST MEETING:

- No Changes. Motion made by Chuck to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Gene. All in favor. Approved.

CHAIRMAN DISCUSSION:

- Suggestion made for possible co-chair or vice chairman. No interest noted. The issue will be revisited next month.

MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

- This meeting is not expected to be more than 2 hours long. Tuesdays were suggested as the best day to have meeting. Heleen will check with the Board of Selectmen about a Tuesday meeting.

2006 BUDGET (handouts provided):

- Reductions primarily due to lawn care being pulled out.
- A separate itemized list of contracted services was provided to point out that we over spent on this line item (more than budgeted).
- This topic will appear on every agenda to keep on top of the issue.
- Suggestion made that PARC not hold up spending until the end of the year because last year the money that was being saved to by buoys was taken away by BOS before it could be spend.

CHASE PARK:

- Park opens on Memorial Day. Time to start thinking about posting positions.
- Heleen will post advertisements for positions ASAP
- Jim will provide Tom with the names and phone numbers of the student employees from last year that were lifeguard certified. Tom will contact last year employees to let them know that jobs will be posted soon.
- It was noted that returning employees typically get a wage increase but one was not given last year.
- Jim will talk to Carl about having the rocks moved to keep vehicles off the beach.
- Discussion regarding whether or not to have the pump moved this year and about hiring a plumber to get the water up this year. Jim will call for quotes.

TENNIS COURT:

- Interested party spoke with Heleen about the need to fix the cracks in the tennis court.
- Concern that crack pose a hazard/liability. A temporary fix is needed ASAP until the court can be

completely repaired or a decision is made to close it down until it can be properly repaired.

BOLTON FIELD:

- Question raised as to where this project is at.
- \$21,000 went into CIP for field improvements. \$10,000 was designated to having a professional devise a plan for the field (based on ideas generated at early PARC meeting).

ISSUE RAISED REGARDING LAST MONTHS MINUTES AND PAVING AT BOLTON:

- Member of public noted that meeting minutes suggested that PARC planned to pave the road/parking at Bolton all at once. PARC members at February meeting agreed that no one was in favor of paving all at once. The plan was to pave in pieces so it does not interfere with improvements as they progress. Suggestion made that member of the public with concern be invited to attend the next PARC meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REVIEW:

- A job description and job review needs to be done for the Director (Jim).
- Upcoming events need to be spelled out as to exactly what PARC wants the Director to do.
- Comment made that the Director should get paid for mileage and the time he spends getting his time card signed.
- John made a motion for "Jim to work with Carl to secure Chase Park to protect the sod area". Motion seconded by Chuck. Motion approved.
- Comment made that if Jim is not allowed to return calls, then the phone line needs to be disconnected. Jim checks calls every day and returns calls about every other day. Decision made that the Director will continue as he has been doing and the issue will be brought up again at the next meeting in conjunction with a review of the job description. Until then, the Director should expect to continue to be paid for returning phone calls.
- John Stark Generals Football Association (JSGFA) is interested in using the fields for 1st thru 3rd grade two-hand touch football.
- The Director's salary was not included in the line item for pay raises (the item was likely limited to salaried employees).

NEXT PARC MEETING:

- Tuesday the 14th is voting day, therefore, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15th, 2006 at 7pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion made by Tom to adjourn the meeting at 9:30. Seconded by Heleen. All in favor.